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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 2200

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, SO, KE

SUBJ: SOMALIS SAY KENYA BORDER VILLAGE ATTACKED

1. VICE PRESIDENT CULMIE CALLED IN THE AMBASSADOR ON DEC 23 TO INFORM THE UNITED STATES GOVT OF AN ATTACK OF A SOMALI VILLAGE IN THE VICINITY OF DOLO, BUT ON THE KENYA BORDER. CULMIE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GSDR) LACKED DETAILS, BUT HAD DISPATCHED A HIGH LEVEL FACT FINDING TEAM TO THE AREA AND ANTICIPATED HAVING FULL PARTICULARS WITHIN FOUR OR FIVE DAYS. CULMIE ALSO CONFERRED WITH THE KENYAN AMBASSADOR AND BRITISH CHARGE ON THE SAME DATE.

2. CULMIE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE GSDR DOES NOT PLAN TO PUBLICIZE THE INCIDENT. THE SOMALI VICE PRESIDENT SAID THE GSDR PROPOSED TO THE KENYAN GOVT THAT THE RESPECTIVE LOCAL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO INVESTIGATION. HE FACTS AND DETERMINING WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO AVOID A REPETITION.

3. DURING A COURTESY CALL ON DEC 17 TO INTRODUCE AID REPRESENTATIVE  
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CAMPBELL, THE VICE PRESIDENT TOUCHED ON RELATIONS WITH KENYA. HE SAID AT THAT TIME THAT THE GSDR ANTICIPATED RECEIVING A DRAFT NON-AGGRESSION PACT FROM DAVID OWEN THAT MIGHT SERVE TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE GSDR AND KENYA. THE DCM INQUIRED ABOUT THIS OF BRITISH CHARGE ABBOTT ON THE 22ND, AND WAS TOLD THAT ALTHOUGH AN INITIATIVE MIGHT WELL BE IN PROGRESS, THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN MOGADISCIO WAS NOT AWARE OF IT.

4. COMMENT: ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THIS EMBASSY IT APPEARS THE GSDR IS EXERCISING RESTRAINT AND ATTEMPTING TO AVOID A FULL-BLOWN BORDER INCIDENT. SINCE THE BRITISH MAY ALREADY BE INVOLVED IN A DESIRABLE EFFORT TO DIFFUSE THE OVERALL ISSUE, IT HEARDLY SEEMS THE UNITED STATES NEED DO MORE THAN OFFER WHATEVER SUPPORT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO REENFORCE THE BRITISH EFFORT. IN A SEPARATE CALL THIS MORNING, DEC 24, GSDR MINISTER KASSIM UNDERSCORED THE SOMALI DESIRE TO AVOID ANY TROUBLE WITH KENYA, AND THE WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMODATE KENYAN WISHES TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.  
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